REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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| | Application Number | | 10/502,015 |
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| | | PNEUMATIC TIRE AND PRODUCTION | |
| | Title | METHOD OF THE SAME | |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114 a. \(\overline{\Omega} \) Previously submitted Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 i. **⊠** previously filed on January 5, 2007. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. 🗆 iii. 🗆 Other b. Enclosed ii. 🗆 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii.□ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) Petition for Extension of Time with appropriate fee iv. 🗹 v. 🗆 Other 2. MISCELLANEOUS a.

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months b. 🗆 Other 3. FEES Please charge the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00, the Extension of Time Fee of \$900.00 and any additional required fees (with the exception of the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached. **CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS** Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below: 03/05/2007 MAHNED1 08000073 194880 WASHINGTON OFFICE 23373 01 FC:1891 798.88 DA CUSTOMER NUMBER SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY Registration No. 36,818 Name Steven M. Gruskin Date March 2, 2007